

Letter to the Mayor and the Dept. of Planning & Development from community-based organizations and community residents:

Your refusal to extend the Nov. 1st deadline for community input regarding the City's New Draft Development Plan, & your refusal to meet with us

November 1st, 2022

Dear Mayor Lightfoot, and the Dept. of Planning & Development,

We, the undersigned representatives of community based organizations and community residents, wish to express our deep disappointment with your decision not to extend the 11/1/22 deadline for community input into your New Draft Development Plan. In addition, we must express concern that neither of your offices would even extend us the courtesy of meeting with us for a few minutes, to explain your decision to us. Is giving Chicago residents five minutes of your time really such a difficult thing to do? Your "We Will" website touts the importance of communication with community residents as the backbone of the planning process for this new plan, yet your attitude toward a group of concerned Chicagoans is one of alienation and indifference toward Chicago residents. This is exactly the type of attitude that, unfortunately, could lead to a New Development Plan that might not reflect the best interests of many community residents.

[Black Workers Matter]
Working Family Solidarity, Alliance of the Southeast, People For Community Recovery, and CEDR (Citywide Equitable Development Roundtable) are among the groups supporting this letter. Contact person for this letter is Leone Jose Bicchieri, Executive Director, Working Family Solidarity, [REDACTED]

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